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COUNTRY USSR (Arctic)

REPORT

SUBJECT

1. Naval and Merchant Vessels Sighted in the Barents, White, and Kara Seas
2. The Ports of Onega, Igarka, and Mezen

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reports include information on navigation in the Yenisey River, merchant vessels sighted near Igarka, a small submarine sighted near Svyatoy Nos, a floating dry dock being towed in the Barents Sea, navigation and new construction at Onega, and a passenger vessel sighted near Mezen.

2. Ten photographs which, taken together, form a panorama of a portion of Igarka

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Information From the USSR.

Area: IGARKA.

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No vessels at all were seen, with the exception of 2 small patrol boats, observed on 5 September, at Dickson Island.

2. IGARKA:

The oil tanks at IGARKA contained diesel oil. Fuel oil could not be obtained.

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Information From the USSR.Area: IGARKA.1. JENISEI:

There was a light in a few of the range markers, and some light buoys had also been set out, so that it was possible to sail at night in most places. On the whole, however, the river is poorly lighted, and one must anchor in difficult spots ^{when it is} dark.

2. MERCHANT VESSELS:

[redacted] about 60 - 70 miles north of IGARKA, a small vessel was observed, inbound. The vessel carried a red top lantern and appeared to be loaded. [redacted]

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[redacted] off FISHER PENINSULA, a 5,000-ton merchant vessel was observed towing a large floating dock. The tow was on an easterly course. The observation distance was so great that only the superstructure could be seen.

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Area: ONEGA.

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some distance west of SVIATOI

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NOS and about 12 miles off shore, a small submarine was observed headed toward shore.

Description:

Pennant [redacted] No guns
or superstructure visible on deck, estimated speed: 6 - 7 knots.

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2. Floating Dock:

[redacted] at TRI OSTROVA, a floating
dock was observed being towed by a cargo vessel. In the wake of
this tow came a large ocean-going tugboat. The commercial vessel
was about 3,000 tons deadweight [redacted]

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[redacted] It was obviously a new vessel. The dock
was somewhat longer than this ship and would probably be able to
service ships of 5,000 - 6,000 tons. She had compact walls and
no mounted cranes or similar equipment. The tow was on a course
for [redacted] the White Sea.

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3. Harbor:

[redacted]
[redacted] at low tide.

The depth there is now 15 feet

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[redacted] the
channel to the quay was now 17 feet deep at low tide.

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4. The Sawmill:

The fence around the sawmill has been extended [REDACTED]

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The gate, which before, was right by the sawmill, has now been moved up on the other side of the railway line right next to the Eksportless office.

There are 2 new brick buildings on the sawmill site, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A third building is under constfuction. ^{This} ~~The~~ building is about 40 meters long and 20 meters wide. The completed buildings are many stories high, with the usual high-ridge roofs. They have windows.

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Information From the USSR.Area:MEZEN^N.1. PASSENGER SHIP:

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[redacted] a passenger
ship [redacted] inward bound toward MEZEN. The ship
did not take on a pilot. She anchored about a mile above the lum-
ber quay at KAMJENKA. [redacted]

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[redacted] the same ship
was observed inbound, southwest of MORCHOVETS ISLAND. She cut
straight across the forbidden zone west of this island.

This vessel is 2,200 tons deadweight, has a speed of 18 - 20
knots, and sails the route between ARCHANGEL And ARIADNE.

Description:

Forecastle with 2 gun mounts, turret, mast with boom, bridge
superstructure, funnel marked with 2 red bands, long^{boat} deck with 4
life boats, no drum aft, mast, ^{after} deck. [redacted]

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